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## **Report on expert advisory panels and committees and their membership**

**Report by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

1. The Expert Advisory Panel on Health and biomedical information, the Expert Advisory Panel on Emergency and humanitarian action, the Expert Advisory Panel on Environmental health, the Expert Advisory Panel on Occupational health, and the Expert Advisory Panel on Health of seafarers were disestablished.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

2. Membership of the 49 expert advisory panels totalled 1337 in December 2001, compared with 1552 in December 2000. Of the 1337 experts, 235 are women.

3. A summary of numbers of panel members of WHO expert advisory panels by subject and region, as of December 2001, including women experts, is given in the table below. Further details (alphabetical list of experts giving nationality, sex and year of birth) can be made available should members of the Board so request.

### **MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES**

4. The following committees met in 2001:

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (56th Session), Geneva, 6-15 February 2001 (seven WHO members: six men, one woman)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (57th Session), Rome, 5-14 June 2001 (eight WHO members: six men, two women)

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<sup>1</sup> This report is submitted to the Executive Board in compliance with regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees.

Advisory Committee on Health Research (39th Session), Geneva, 27-29 June 2001 (11 WHO members: eight men, three women)

Expert Committee on the Control for Schistosomiasis and Soil-Transmitted Nematodes, Geneva, 8-14 October 2001 (15 WHO members: twelve men, three women)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations, (37th Session), Geneva, 22-26 October 2001 (seven WHO members: four men, three women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, Geneva, 26-30 November 2001 (nine WHO members: six men, three women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 57 panel members from 28 different countries, drawn from 11 expert advisory panels.

## MEMBERSHIP OF WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION

(Numbers of panel members, as of December 2001; numbers of women members in square brackets)

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total	
Acute bacterial diseases	1	[0]	6	[1]	1	[0]	11	[2]	3	[0]	3	[1]	25	[4]
Acute diarrhoeal diseases and other enteric infections	0	[0]	1	[0]	3	[2]	2	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	7	[2]
Ageing and health	3	[3]	5	[3]	1	[0]	14	[3]	2	[1]	2	[0]	27	[10]
Biological standardization	0	[0]	8	[3]	2	[0]	18	[1]	2	[0]	5	[0]	35	[4]
Blood transfusion medicine	3	[0]	3	[2]	2	[1]	7	[2]	2	[1]	4	[2]	21	[8]
Brucellosis	0	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]
Cancer	1	[0]	11	[3]	4	[2]	12	[0]	0	[0]	5	[1]	33	[6]
Cardiovascular diseases	7	[0]	7	[1]	9	[2]	13	[1]	5	[0]	11	[1]	52	[5]
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	3	[0]	3	[0]	2	[1]	7	[0]	1	[0]	2	[0]	18	[1]
Chronic degenerative diseases (rheumatic diseases)	0	[0]	1	[0]	1	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	1	[0]	4	[1]
Development of human resources for health	5	[2]	7	[2]	5	[0]	9	[0]	4	[0]	4	[0]	34	[4]
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	0	[0]	4	[2]	1	[0]	12	[3]	1	[0]	5	[1]	23	[6]
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	1	[0]	7	[0]	0	[0]	3	[0]	2	[0]	3	[1]	16	[1]
Drug evaluation	7	[0]	6	[2]	3	[1]	11	[2]	5	[1]	7	[1]	39	[7]
Drug policies and management	6	[2]	6	[1]	4	[0]	6	[0]	2	[0]	8	[3]	32	[6]
Food safety	4	[0]	17	[4]	3	[2]	19	[1]	1	[0]	4	[0]	48	[7]
Health laboratory services	3	[1]	12	[2]	2	[1]	19	[3]	7	[2]	6	[2]	49	[11]
Health promotion and education	0	[0]	1	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	3	[2]
Health science and technology policy	6	[1]	8	[1]	4	[1]	8	[0]	1	[0]	6	[2]	33	[5]
Health situation and trend assessment	0	[0]	2	[0]	3	[0]	7	[1]	3	[1]	1	[0]	16	[2]
Human blood products and related substances	3	[0]	3	[0]	2	[1]	4	[1]	3	[1]	2	[1]	17	[4]
Human genetics	1	[0]	7	[1]	1	[0]	11	[1]	2	[0]	3	[0]	25	[2]
Human reproduction	0	[0]	1	[1]	2	[0]	3	[0]	0	[0]	2	[2]	8	[3]
Immunology	0	[0]	8	[0]	4	[1]	9	[0]	1	[1]	4	[0]	26	[1]
Injury and violence prevention and control	1	[0]	6	[2]	1	[0]	3	[2]	0	[0]	1	[0]	12	[4]
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	11	[0]	9	[6]	5	[2]	29	[9]	6	[0]	10	[0]	70	[17]
Leprosy	1	[0]	6	[0]	5	[0]	5	[1]	2	[0]	2	[0]	21	[1]

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total	
Malaria	4	[0]	4	[0]	8	[1]	14	[0]	6	[0]	2	[0]	38	[1]
Maternal and child health	2	[1]	4	[0]	3	[1]	1	[1]	7	[2]	4	[2]	21	[7]
Mental health	7	[1]	14	[2]	5	[3]	22	[4]	4	[1]	14	[3]	66	[14]
Neurosciences	1	[0]	3	[0]	1	[0]	10	[1]	1	[0]	3	[0]	19	[1]
Nursing	5	[4]	12	[12]	5	[5]	3	[3]	7	[7]	5	[5]	37	[36]
Nutrition	0	[0]	7	[1]	3	[0]	9	[2]	4	[1]	5	[1]	28	[5]
Oral health	4	[1]	1	[0]	4	[2]	13	[1]	3	[0]	2	[0]	27	[4]
Organization of medical care	2	[0]	3	[0]	2	[0]	10	[0]	1	[0]	1	[0]	19	[0]
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	3	[1]	2	[1]	2	[0]	4	[0]	0	[0]	1	[1]	12	[3]
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	3	[0]	5	[1]	2	[1]	13	[0]	2	[0]	3	[0]	28	[2]
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0	[0]	1	[0]	2	[0]	9	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	12	[0]
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	3	[0]	11	[0]	0	[0]	9	[0]	4	[1]	8	[0]	35	[1]
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	3	[0]	13	[5]	0	[0]	7	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	23	[5]
Prevention of blindness	2	[1]	7	[2]	2	[0]	5	[0]	2	[0]	5	[0]	23	[3]
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	2	[0]	3	[0]	1	[1]	4	[1]	1	[0]	3	[0]	14	[2]
Public health administration	4	[0]	7	[1]	3	[0]	4	[0]	9	[0]	3	[0]	30	[1]
Rabies	2	[0]	3	[0]	1	[0]	1	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	8	[0]
Radiation	0	[0]	3	[0]	2	[1]	5	[0]	1	[0]	3	[1]	14	[2]
Rehabilitation	0	[0]	2	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	1	[0]	3	[1]	7	[2]
Respiratory infections	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	3	[0]	4	[0]
Sexually transmitted infections including those due to human immunodeficiency virus	2	[0]	6	[1]	2	[0]	5	[1]	0	[0]	4	[0]	19	[2]
Tobacco or health	0	[0]	3	[0]	3	[0]	3	[2]	1	[0]	3	[0]	13	[2]
Traditional medicine	4	[0]	4	[1]	3	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	5	[1]	17	[2]
Tuberculosis	3	[1]	5	[0]	2	[0]	5	[3]	1	[1]	6	[1]	22	[7]
Vector biology and control	2	[0]	10	[0]	6	[2]	15	[2]	6	[0]	11	[1]	50	[5]
Virus diseases	2	[0]	8	[0]	7	[1]	10	[1]	3	[0]	8	[1]	38	[3]
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0	[0]	2	[0]	0	[0]	2	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	4	[0]
Zoonoses	0	[0]	2	[0]	3	[0]	6	[1]	1	[0]	2	[0]	14	[1]
<b>Total</b>	127	[19]	301	[65]	144	[37]	433	[57]	123	[21]	209	[36]	1 33	[235]

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